



Media Statement

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Esperance, Goldfields students excel

Two students from the Goldfields-Esperance region have joined the State's elite academic '99 Club', while local vocational students have excelled in building, business and photography.

The scores achieved by Esperance Senior High School graduate Elliot Smith of Esperance and Eastern Goldfields College graduate Shelley Moore of Kalgoorlie place them in the top one per cent of the 12,519 students who sat the Tertiary Entrance Examinations (TEE) this year.

Elliot's score of 99.85 made him the State's highest placed regional public school student, he was TEE dux of his school and also received a prestigious General Exhibition, Certificate of Excellence and Certificate of Distinction (English).

"I'm aiming to study medicine at university. It would be great to have a job helping people solve their problems," he said.

"Esperance Senior High School staff were fantastic in helping me achieve my results, and I would like to thank the staff at the school."

Shelley, TEE dux of her school, received a Certificate of Distinction (Applicable Mathematics) and a Certificate of Excellence.

Anita Dalton, the WSA/VET dux of Eastern Goldfields College received a Wholly School Assessed Certificate for Structured Workplace Learning in Building Construction.

Anita, who learnt how to do renovations and maintenance work on the job, has secured a carpentry apprenticeship with local Kalgoorlie company DJ McGinty & Co.

"I start in 15 days and I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

Department of Education and Training A/Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the students' results were a reflection of their hard work and dedication and the quality of teaching in public schools.

"These are extraordinary results and I am delighted to see students from local public schools have performed to such a high standard," Ms O'Neill.

She added that receiving membership into the '99 Club' was a high accolade, and one which students earned through hard work and dedication.

"These students are shining examples of what can be achieved with the backing of quality public education," she said.

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Principal of Esperance Senior High School Cathy Bamblett said that as the head boy for 2006, Elliot Smith was a great ambassador for his school.

“Elliot’s results are fantastic and are a just reward for all his hard work throughout the year,” she said.

“He is an all-round achiever who is a great sportsman and a contributor to the community, and has competed in a number of academic competitions including the national Tournament of Minds.

“Elliot was also member of the 2005 ANZAC Student Study Tour which saw him travel to Europe to visit World War I battlefields and commemorate Australia’s war-time efforts.”

Ms Bamblett acknowledged all Esperance Senior High School Year 12 graduates for their hard work in 2006.

“Our vocational students have also done well this year,” she said.

LOCAL STUDENTS’ ACHIEVEMENTS:

Esperance Senior High School

Elliot Smith of Esperance
TER of 99.85
TEE dux
GENERAL EXHIBITION
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION (English)

Sabina Spencer of Esperance
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

Sharna Montgomerie of Esperance
WHOLLY SCHOOL ASSESSED (WSA) CERTIFICATE IN VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS
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Eastern Goldfields College

Shelley Moore of Kalgoorlie
TER of 99-plus
TEE dux
CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE
CERTIFICATE OF DISTINCTION (Applicable Mathematics)

Anita Dalton of Kalgoorlie
WSA/VET dux
WHOLLY SCHOOL ASSESSED (WSA) CERTIFICATE STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Melissa Blacker of Boulder
WHOLLY SCHOOL ASSESSED (WSA) CERTIFICATE STRUCTURED WORKPLACE LEARNING
BUSINESS AND CLERICAL